

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 18, 2005. Applicants request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

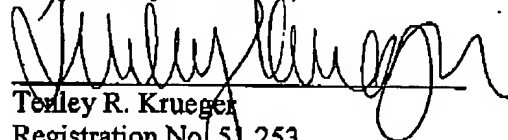
CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

Claims 1-27 stand objected to for informalities. Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 14, along with additional independent claims, to correct such informalities and respectfully request withdrawal of the objections.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,817,591 (*Shamshoum*). As discussed in the interview, *Shamshoum* does not teach or disclose the process recited in the pending claims. Further, Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite a polyethylene polymer prepared by the process, which is neither disclosed nor taught by *Shamshoum*. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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